

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2005. The deadline for responding has been extended to April 25, 2006 by way of a request for a 3 month extension of time submitted herewith.

I. Introduction

Claims 70-71 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite issuance of the application. Claims 1-43 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 44-69 are now pending. Claims 44-55, 57-61, 63-66, 70 and 71 were rejected for the reasons set forth in the office action. The amendments made herein address and overcome each of the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action.

Claims 56, 62 and 67-69 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter but were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended claims 56, 67 and 68 into independent form thereby placing these claims and claim 69 which depends from claim 68 in condition for allowance. In addition, the features of allowable claim 62 have been included into claim 51 from which claim 62 previously depended thereby placing claim 51, and claims 52-56 and claims 57-62 which depend therefrom, in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, under the heading "Restriction", the Examiner invited Applicants to amend

the independent claims to avoid a restriction in a future office action. In response to the Examiner's Restriction Notice, Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. **Applicants have amended each of the independent claims to include subject matter which was found to be allowable.** Accordingly, in view of the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter and the application should be allowed. Since the pending claims now include subject matter indicated to be allowable, there is no need for a "restriction" in any future office action, i.e., the application should simply be allowed.

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the Abstract changes Applicants attempted to make by way of the preliminary amendment were not received. Applicants have reviewed the Patent Office PAIR system and the image copy of the file wrapper. Applicants note that the changes to the Abstract are included in the portion of the posted Preliminary amendment under the Patent Office title "SPECIFICATION". A review of numbered pages 7 and 8 of the preliminary amendment show that the changes to the abstract were submitted and received and are listed as part of the amendments to the specification. Entry of the previously submitted amendment to the abstract is respectfully requested. **Should Applicants need to resubmit the Amendment to the abstract, Applicants will do so at the Examiner's request.**

II. All The Pending Claims Are Patentable**1) Claims 44-55 and 57-62 Are Patentable**

Claim 62 was indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter. Taking into consideration the allowable subject matter of claim 62, Applicants amended Independent claims 44, 49, and 51. Claim 62, has been amended to avoid repetition of the allowable features now included in claim 51 from which claim 62 depends.

In view of the amendments to claims 44, 49 and 51, it is respectfully submitted that these claims and dependent claims 45-48, 50-55, and 57-62 are in condition for allowance for the reasons the Examiner indicated that claim 62 was directed to allowable subject matter.

2) Claim 56 is Patentable

Claim 56 has been rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner indicated that claim 56 was directed to allowable subject matter and would be in condition for allowance if rewritten so that it no longer depended from a rejected claim. In view of the amendment to claim 56 it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claim 56 has been overcome and the claim is now in condition for allowance.

3) Claims 63-67 Are Patentable

Claim 67 was indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter but was objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Independent claim 63 has been amended so that it includes the features previously found in claim 67 but has also been amended so that it is now directed to a base station rather than a system. Claim 67 which previously depended from claim 63 has been rewritten in independent form.

In view of the amendments to claim 63 and claim 67 it is respectfully submitted that these claims, and claims 64-66 which depend from claim 63, are allowable for the reasons claim 67 was indicated to be allowable.

4) Claims 68-69 Are Patentable

Claims 68 and 69 were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter but were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Claim 68 has been rewritten in independent form thereby overcoming the objection to claim 68 as well as claim 69 which depends therefrom. In view of the amendment to claim 68 it is respectfully submitted claims 68 and 69 are allowable.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

If there are any outstanding issues which need to be resolved to place the application in condition for allowance the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by phone to discuss and hopefully resolve said issues. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made and any required fee is authorized to be charged to the deposit account of Straub & Pokotylo, deposit account number 50-1049.

Respectfully submitted,

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